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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 58th, 59th, 67th and 68th meetings, on 7, 8 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 59, 67 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/739);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 (A/55/788);

(c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874 and Add.3).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.71

4. At the 68th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Japan and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a

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draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/55/L.71).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.71 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1331 (2000) of 13 December 2000,

Recalling also its resolution 54/270 of 15 June 2000 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as of 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 20.3 million United States dollars, representing some 10.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period

[1] A/55/739 and A/55/788.

[2] A/55/874 and Add.3.

[3] See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/647.

ending 15 June 2001, notes that some 15.3 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 42,389,220 dollars gross (40,697,146 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, inclusive of the amount of 1,240,621 dollars gross (1,088,767 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 129,599 dollars gross (116,379 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base, a one-third share of this amount, equivalent to 13,565,715 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus, and an amount of 6,500,000 dollars from the Government of Greece, subject to the review by the

[4] A/55/874/Add.3.

Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Force;

13. *Decides also*, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contribution from the Government of Cyprus of one-third share of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 13,565,715, and of 6,500,000 dollars from the Government of Greece, to apportion among Member States the amount of 22,323,505 dollars gross (20,631,431 dollars net), the said amount to be apportioned at a monthly rate of 1,860,292 dollars gross (1,719,286 dollars net) in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Force;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,692,074 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

15. *Decides* that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus of one-third share of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,630,809 dollars, and of 6,500,000 dollars from the Government of Greece, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the amount of 280,800 dollars gross (261,400 dollars net) of the unencumbered balance of 523,400 dollars gross (504,000 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the compositions of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

16. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 280,800 dollars gross (261,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Decides further* that 168,000 dollars shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus and 74,600 dollars shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

18. *Decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".